

by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 24 through November 30, 1996, as National Family Week. I call upon all Americans to celebrate our Nation's families with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

William J. Clinton

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Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Prime Minister John Howard of Australia in Canberra, Australia

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[The exchange is joined in progress.]

President's Cup Golf Tournament

Prime Minister Howard. —I signed off a letter the other day trying to—and we're very keen for it to come here.

President Clinton. I've told the PGA that I thought it was a good idea not to keep it always in the United States, that I thought it would be a good idea to bring it here.

Prime Minister Howard. And we're rather hoping it will actually come to the ACT right here in Canberra because they have—well, they have one really outstanding course in Canberra as you'll find—

President Clinton. I saw it today.

We're talking about the President's Cup; you know, the golf tournament. The PGA is trying to arrange to have it in Australia 2 years from now.

Prime Minister Howard. In '98. And naturally, in the lead-up to the Olympic games, if we can pull it off, we'll be delighted and very delighted to have the President's endorsement of the idea, too.

President Clinton. I'm for it.

Q. Will that change the rules to allow it?
Prime Minister Howard. No.

President Clinton. No. The Ryder Cup is an American-European contest, and it alternates. So we just had the President's Cup in the alternating years—in the alternating 2 years we don't have Ryder Cups. It's the American team against teams essentially from Australia, Japan, and the southern part of Africa and anyplace else in the Asia-Pacific region. So we're going to alternate it.

Q. Who's the golf pro in your entourage, Mr. President?

President Clinton. What do you mean?

Q. There were reports—

Q. [Inaudible]—golf and you brought a golf pro with you on Air Force One.

President Clinton. To my knowledge, that is not so. [Laughter]

Q. Would you have liked to?

President Clinton. I would have, yes. I'm going to need all the help I can get tomorrow.

Zaire

Q. Will you all talk about Zaire? Is that something that—

President Clinton. Yes. And we will have a press conference later and answer all your questions. We want to.

President's Visit

Prime Minister Howard. Yes, you'll have a good run. [Laughter]

President Clinton. And I want you to have fun tonight.

Q. We did the boat tour last night.

President Clinton. You did?

Q. You get to do it tonight. The press was taken out on the same boat last night.

President Clinton. Good.

Q. The view was spectacular.

President Clinton. Did they tell you there were sharks in the water?

Q. They told us they had sharks on deck. [Laughter]

Prime Minister Howard. A lot in the water, too.

President Clinton. In Sydney Harbor?

Prime Minister Howard. Yes, seriously.

President Clinton. So you don't want to fall in.

NOTE: The exchange began at 10:50 a.m. in the Prime Minister's Office at Parliament House. In

his remarks, the President referred to his scheduled golf game with Australian professional golfer Greg Norman. The exchange released by the Office of the Press Secretary did not include the complete opening remarks of the President and the Prime Minister. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

The President's News Conference With Prime Minister Howard in Canberra

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Prime Minister Howard. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to say on behalf of my Government how much I have appreciated the opportunity of talking to President Clinton so soon after his reelection. I would like to repeat publicly the congratulations I extended to the President privately on his reelection.

This is a marvelous opportunity for both of us to reaffirm the importance of our long-standing, deep, and rich association. It's an association that goes beyond the more formal elements of a treaty or an alliance. It's an association of like-minded people committed to common values with many shared historical experiences, many common cultural attitudes, and above all, a very deep commitment to democratic institutions, values, and freedoms of the individual.

It was also for both of us an opportunity to affirm the importance—the contemporary relevance of our partnership in the context of our common involvement in the Asia-Pacific region, where I have said on a number of occasions we share a common future and a common destiny. The President and I had the opportunity in our discussion this morning to canvass many global issues but ones of particular relevance to our region and we also touched upon a number of trade issues which are of ongoing importance in the bilateral relationship.

I want to say how pleased I am personally to have the opportunity with my wife, Janette, of welcoming the President and Mrs. Clinton to our country. They are very welcome not only for themselves and the great leadership that they're giving to their country but also as the President and the wife of the President of the United States.

The President of the United States is always welcome in Australia. And I will take the opportunity over the next couple of days in an informal manner to continue the discussion that both of us had this morning.

But to you, Mr. President, again, publicly, my very warm welcome. You are here as a very welcome guest and with the goodwill of all of the Australian people.

President Clinton. Thank you very much, Prime Minister. Ladies and gentlemen, I have wanted to come to Australia for a very long time. I am glad that I have finally come. I wish I could have come earlier, and I've had so much fun in the last day, I'm amazed that only three American Presidents have come here. I think it ought to be a habit because of the unique partnership that the United States and Australia have enjoyed throughout the 20th century and indeed going back long before that.

The Prime Minister and I had our first personal meeting today. It was a very good one. We talked about a lot of the things that we share in common as nations. We talked about our common agenda to expand global trade through the World Trade Organization and APEC where we'll both be going in just a couple of days. We talked about the work we have done to halt the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

And again, I want to thank in this press conference, Mr. Prime Minister, on behalf of all the American people, Australia for the leadership that Australia exhibited in securing the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and for your support in helping us all defuse the North Korean nuclear program.

We also share a commitment to advance democratic values. We have worked on it side by side throughout the wars of the 20th century, throughout the cold war, and now in this new era. We've joined together in supporting human rights in Burma, promoting the rule of law in Cambodia, helping to keep the peace in troubled corners of the world.

We are working hard to build on the partnership between the United States and Australia. We talked about our security cooperation. We're moving forward on the Sydney statement of July which bolstered our security ties.